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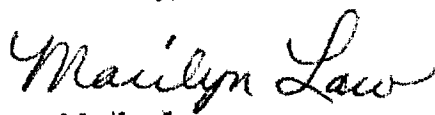
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am greatly pleased to hear that the Department of Justice has announced a proposed settlement for the Microsoft antitrust case. This case has been mired in court going on four years now; the settlement should be finalized so that technology providers can concentrate on IT development without the burden of further pending litigation.

This settlement ensures that Microsoft will grant competitors extensive rights to reconfigure Windows so that they can promote their own – or Microsoft's competitors' – products on Windows. This represents just one of Microsoft's many changes in its business practices, slowly agreed to over many months of negotiations with a court-appointed moderator.

With your support, I'm sure this case can be finalized soon for the good of the IT industry and the nation's economy. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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